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Military and Civil Defense Training in Secondary Schools

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- a. Once every two weeks male and female students were given two hours of air rifle target practice. [Source had no idea of the courses or distances from which the firing was conducted.] The practice was given in lieu of regular physical training and was usually conducted by physical-education instructors. However, twice during the school year, once in summer and once in winter, army personnel were present during the training sessions.
 - b. When army representatives came, a type of terrain problem was conducted. This problem was planned in advance at joint meetings of the physical-education teachers and the military observers. Initially, the students were divided into several groups. The groups then left the schoolyard, scattered, and continued in various directions. After scattering, the next mission consisted of all groups reaching the same destination by means of maps and compasses.

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c. On occasion, one group played "enemy" while another attempted to surround it without being seen. Many times as the students marched, soldiers fired their rifles to simulate an air attack. The students lay down or sought cover. [redacted] in one instance the soldiers threw unknown types of smoke grenades into a group of students to test their reaction; the students panicked.

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2. The type of training described above was always conducted in Czechoslovak schools, but the military had taken part in the bi-annual exercises only since the end of World War II. The usual military contingent assigned to the school during each biannual exercise consisted of one officer and 15 EM. The groups of students were each under the supervision of a teacher; if a teacher was not assigned, one of the EM took charge.

Caserne Location

3. On the outskirts of Prerov (N 49-27, E 17-27), not far from the railroad station, there was an army artillery garrison. The dimensions of the front of the caserne were about 400 m. No activity could be seen from the outside. [redacted] For a sketch of the caserne, see Annex A.

Movement of Military Vehicles

4. In May 1954 there was a concentrated movement of military vehicles through Prerov which lasted for two to three days. Vehicles travelled in both directions in columns of ten trucks each along the main street. The movement lasted for 10 hours each day and about six columns went by each hour. [redacted] 50X1 trucks passing through the town each day at [redacted]

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Soviet Control of Czechoslovak Factory

5. The workers at the Meopta Optical Equipment Plant in Prerov claimed the plant was under Soviet control and that Soviets were present there. Source knew there were a few Czechoslovak officials at the plant and concluded they were under Soviet supervision.

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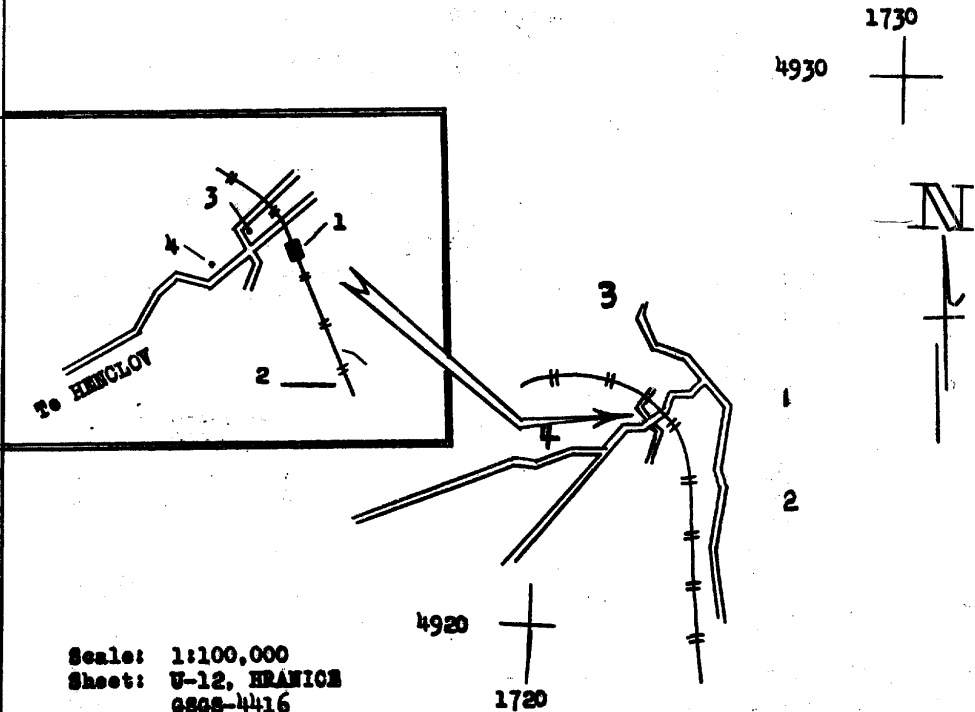
Annex A - Location of an Unidentified Artillery Caserne in Prerov.

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Annex A

Location of an Unidentified Artillery Caserne in PREROV



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- 1. PREROV RR Station
- 2. Railroad line
- 3. Artillery Caserne
- 4. Airfield and Barracks for Air Force personnel.

Pinpoint Location

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